

THE MELVIN NUSS TURKEYTAIL CACHE

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This cache of 450+ turkeytails (Figures 1 and 2) was found in the mid-1950's by Melvin Nuss one mile south of Moulton in Washington Township, Auglaize County, Ohio. All of the pieces were found in a

clump of rust-colored soil, most likely red ocher. All but two of the blades were ceremonially killed, and the largest of the cache came up missing after the discovery. All of the blades are made of Indiana hornstone

with the largest extant example being close to six inches long. The entire cache now resides in the collection of Shaun Place, of Wapakoneta, Ohio.



Figure 1 (Rummel) The Nuss Cache showing the condition it was found in.

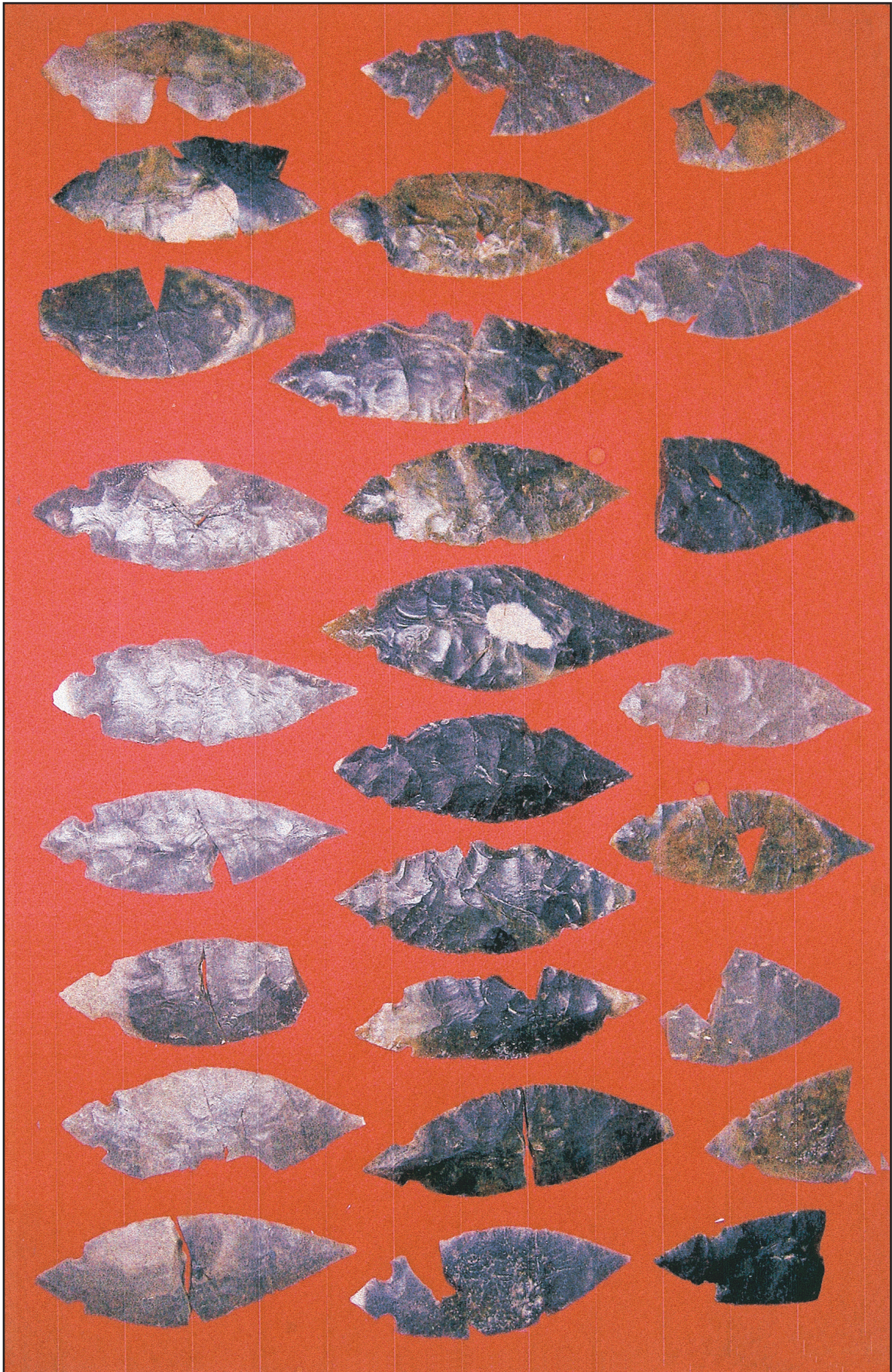


Figure 1 (Rummel) The Melvin Nuss Turkeytail Cache, Auglaize County, Ohio.